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No. 20,509

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號五廿月三年三十國民華中

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is always kept for the mission work of
the Chinese Church.

From its foundation the C.H.S.K.H.
has recognized that responsibility for
missionary work rests upon every mem-
ber of the Church. The sphere chosen
was the province of Shensi, a province
in which the Anglican Church had not
previously opened work, and a start was
made in the Provincial capital, Sianfu.
The work there is carried on by a purely
Chinese staff, and supported by Chinese
offerings, and it is hoped that as soon as
possible, it will be placed under the
leadership of a Chinese Bishop.

In the absence of the President, Bishop
Norris presented the Third Triennial Re-
port of the Board of Missions. The
Report showed that real progress is being
made in the work at Sianfu, the total
number of baptized now being 260. The
Boys' School is doing well and has now
180 boys.

The financial support for the Shensi
mission is obtained by assessing each
diocese at a certain sum, which it is ex-
pected to raise each year: for the past
three years the total assessment has been
\$7,000. The actual sum raised in 1922
was \$6,000; the 1923 contributions had
not all been received when the Report
was drawn up, but it is expected that
they will exceed the assessment. In addi-
tion to the annual assessment of each
diocese there have also been special ap-
peals for money for land and building.

As the work increases more money is
required and the Executive Committee
asked that the assessment should be
raised from \$7,000 to \$10,000; this figure,
after some debate, was reduced to \$8,500,
although the representatives from some
dioceses voluntarily offered to increase
their diocesan quota if others would do
the same.

The Bishop of Singapore spoke on the
work of the Church among Chinese in
the Dioceses of Singapore, Labuan and
Sarawak, and the Philippine Islands, and
it was agreed that each of these
dioceses should be allowed to send one
clerical and one lay representative to the
triennial Synod of the C.H.S.K.H., with
the right of speaking, but not voting, in
the house of delegates. The Bishops of
these three dioceses also asked that a
Bishop and a Chinese priest should be
sent from China to visit the Chinese con-
gregations in their dioceses, as a mission
of help.

At later sessions much of the time of
the House was spent in the revision of
the Canons of the C.H.S.K.H. This, of
course, is not work of a very thrilling
nature, but before a Church can become
autonomous it must provide complete
Canons for its administration and dis-
cipline. The Canons which aroused the
most interest and the keenest debate were
those dealing with the formation of new
dioceses and the appointment of assist-
ant Bishops.

New Canons were passed dealing with
the work of deaconesses, so far only one
diocese has Chinese deaconesses.

OUTPORT PRIDE.

There is a parable told of a man who
had a horror of dying at Wuhu which
illustrates the pride and jealousy of out-
ports.

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back from Shanghai and falling mortally
sick had to be landed, to his intense
chagrin at Wuhu, of all places! Before he
died he begged the doctor not to put on
his tombstone the bald statement "Died at
Wuhu" but to add the words "on his way
to Chungking" so that posterity might
think better of him than to suppose it
was anything but a mere accident that his
bones came to lie in such a spot.

The doctor promised, but when the tomb-
stone was ready, local pride caused him
to grieve to rise and the epitaph he carved
was this "Died on his way to Chungking.
The prospect killed him."

Chungking's pride was sorely wounded
when they heard of this outrage. They
sent and caused the following additional
words to be carved "To him who dies in
this place, oh Death! where is thy
sting?"

The battle between the outports was now
joined. Wuhu countered with "He took
a short cut" carved below their first in-
scription, Chungking took the sting out of
Wuhu's insinuation by adding "Heaven
was his home."

The controversy vexed fast and furious
Wuhu continued. "He did not belong to
us," Chungking replied. "He was glad
to go," and again Wuhu. "His work here
was finished," and again Chungking.
"He had rather be a doorknocker in the
House of the Lord."

The tombstones of outports are very
large. There is no end to this parable—
N.C. Daily News.

THE CORONET THEATRE.

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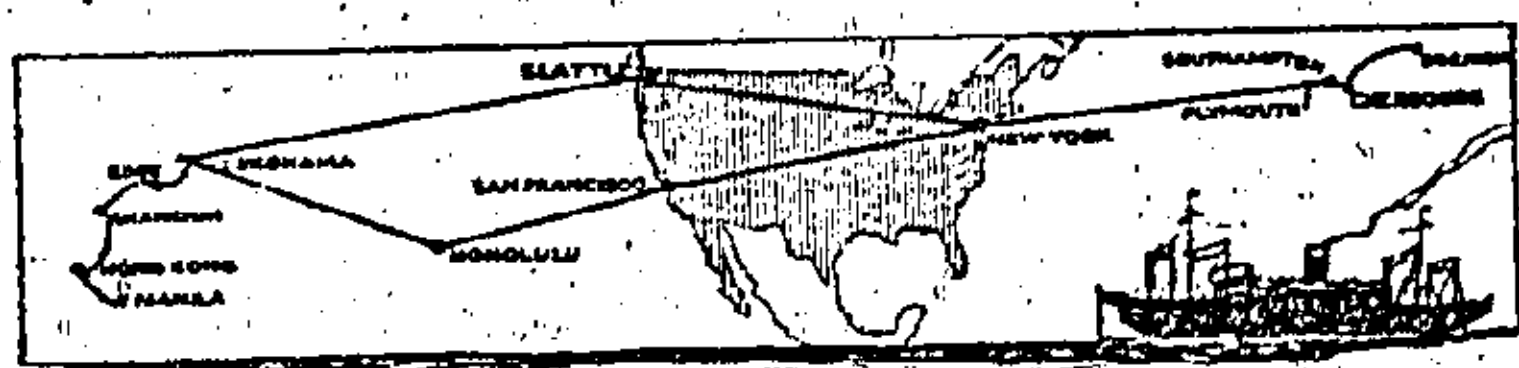
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THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

S. H. ISMAIL BEATS O. RUMJAHN.

Nine matches were played off yesterday in the Hongkong Cricket Club Tournament, three of these were in the Open Singles Championship. In this competition S. H. Ismail met and defeated O. Rumjahn in a re-play (the previous one having to be abandoned owing to darkness setting in before the completion of the match). The re-play went the full five sets and finished in the gloaming. On the whole the style of play was similar to the previous exhibition, long rallies of backhand and forehand driving until the limit of human endurance was reached. Ismail lasted better than Rumjahn and in the last set, with the aid of new tennis balls—to which he adapts himself more readily than most, as instanced in his match with F. A. Redmond—he beat Rumjahn with comparative ease.

Results:—

OPEN SINGLES.—S. H. Ismail beat O. Rumjahn, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; Ho Ka Lau beat S. Randh, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1; A. B. Raworth beat R. H. Lo, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

CUBA CHAMPIONSHIP.—C. C. Stark beat A. W. M. Skinner, 7-5, 6-0, 4-3, 6-4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—D. Burlingham and C. G. Perdue (+4/6) beat Y. M. Grayburn and A. N. B. Carr (scr.), 4-6; (+3/6) beat E. G. Lammer and W. W. MacKenzie (+5/6), 6-3, 6-0.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A".—R. E. Worthington (+15/3) beat B. D. Evans (+2/6), 6-4, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B".—G. de Man (scr.) beat J. R. Collis (+3/6), 6-3, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Mr. and Mrs. Hatterley-Smith (scr.) beat L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss D. Holyoak (+15), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

OPEN SINGLES.—Yew Man Tsun, v. K. Yamazaki; Wong Po Keung v. R. E. Worthington.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—F. A. Redmond and M. H. Roffey (+2/6) v. J. E. Warner and N. L. Smith (+2/3); H. Kearns and C. M. Wilson (+15) v. C. D. Armstrong and D. J. Allfree (+4/6).

MIXED DOUBLES.—G. G. Franklin and Mrs. Boyd (scr.) v. W. A. Nowers and Mrs. H. R. Remington (+4/6).

HANDICAP SINGLES "B".—J. B. Powell (+1/6) v. J. C. Macgown (+3/6).

BASEBALL.

ASHVILLE v. SOUTH CHINA A.A.

The baseball game between the U.S.S. Ashville and the South China Athletic Association, played on the Causeway Bay Athletic Field on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. resulted in a victory for the Ashville of eleven to one.

The South China Athletics did not seem to be able to find Barkley, the Ashville's star pitcher, for they only hit one ball to the outfield, this being a "scratch" hit between third base and shortstop. There were two men on base when this ball was hit, having got on by errors on the part of the Ashville's infield, and one of them scored. This happened in the first inning. The Athletics did not score thereafter.

The Ashville's pitcher threw a very slow ball which was rather irritating to the Ashville men who have been used to batting a "speedy" pitcher. They found him, however, and scored three times in the first innings, once in the third, four times in the sixth and three in the seventh innings. Haynes, the Ashville's catcher, knocked a homer in both the sixth and seventh innings. Knickerbocker, the Ashville's shortstop, was also marked by his spectacular play.

Both teams showed good sportsmanship and the game was enjoyed by a large crowd consisting of Chinese, foreigners, American sailors and a few British sailors and soldiers.

OPEN BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

LEUNG DEFEATS TSAN.

The contest for the Open Billiards Championship of the Colony was advanced a stage further last night when P. S. Leung defeated C. N. Tsan by 149 points in a game of 800 up. The highest break (47) was made by Leung, Tsan's biggest score at one visit being 24. Mr. G. Haigh fulfilled the duties of referee.

CRICKET.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE STAFF AND PUPILS v. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The following have been selected to represent the Staff and Pupils in the above match, to be played on the Indian Recreation Club ground.—M. P. Mader, W. Kay, A. K. Minu, J. C. Fletcher, F. M. A. Areculi (capt.), H. C. Wallington, P. S. Tsai, H. R. Meacock, M. Shaban, K. L. Chan and M. Hassan. Reserve: F. B. Grosz.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient, in their report dated Saigon, March 15th, state:—

The decline which we reported at the end of last month has continued. The price of paddy has followed closely that of rice. Notwithstanding this serious decline, no transactions have been recorded, buyers awaiting a better opportunity.

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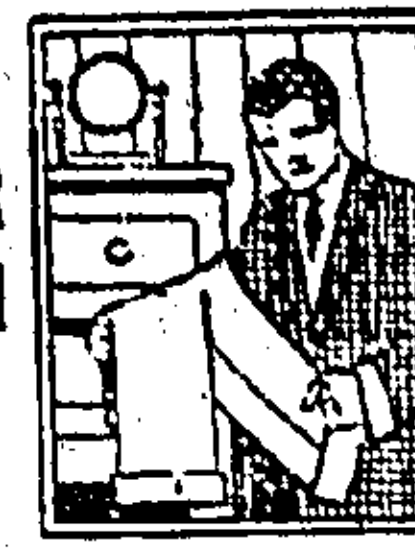
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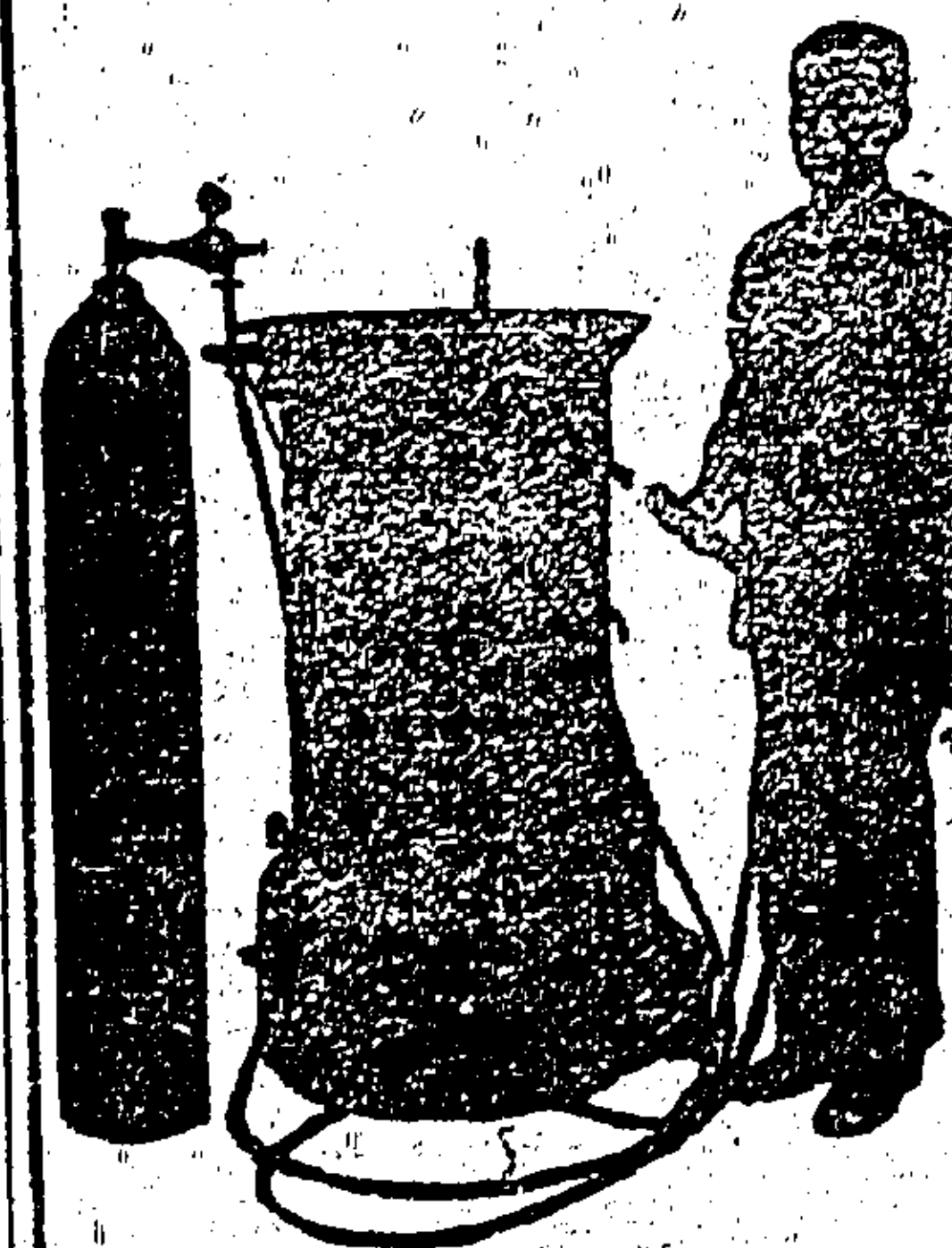
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The annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held in the Old Chamber of Commerce room, at the City Hall, yesterday afternoon.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The chair was taken by Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD, who in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said—

The Report of the General Committee and the Statement of Accounts have been in your hands for some days and you will have observed from them that the past year has called for a great deal of work on the part of your Committee, Sub-Committees and Staff, to whom I tender my hearty thanks for their loyal support during my year of office. To the Shipping Sub-Committee especially I am indebted for their careful consideration of and expert views on matters of the greatest importance to the trade of the Colony, particularly the questions of Piracy and Harbour Improvements.

HARBOUR PATROLS.

The correspondence between the Chamber and the Government in connection with Piracy is dealt with in the Committee's Report. I think, however, that the most recent incident, namely, the piracy of one of the public ferries operating between Hongkong and Kowloon, which was seized and taken from the centre of the Harbour shortly after dark, calls for comment. On more than one occasion the Chamber has urged the need for an increase in Harbour patrols in connection with the question of pilferage and as long ago as the 11th January, 1921, we wrote to the Government:—

"It is notoriously a fact that the night launches employed by the Harbour Police are slow and that there are not sufficient of them on duty at one time. So much is this so that the return of the patrol-boat can be accurately estimated by those seeking to avoid detection. Particularly is this so by night and it is suggested that a couple of fast motor-boats, occasionally running with lights out, would very quickly result in the capture of craft on the move, without just cause."

Since the date of that letter, three launches have been added to the Water Police service, but, on the other hand, one of the old ones has been discarded, thus making the net gain only two. These are both eleven knot boats, completed in 1923. Apart from the four launches which cruise outside the Harbour, and the shallow-draft motor-boat on the river at Sunchun, there are five launches and two motor-boats working in the Harbour—three launches on patrol boats, one on general patrol, and one in reserve. Arrangements have now been made for the launches to work across the Harbour from North to South, instead of up and down from East to West, so as to control the exits more completely. Nevertheless, it is a question which I hope the Government will consider as to whether the patrol service I have described is adequate for so extensive an area as the Harbour, comprising as it does, ten square miles, and in which are plying innumerable small craft of all descriptions. In my opinion, the ingenuity and audacity of the pirate organisations renders an increase even more necessary to-day. It should be made impossible for them to commit any of their depredations in the Harbour at any rate with impunity.

THE FIGHT AGAINST PIRACY.

Turning now to the Regulations under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, the Chamber responded to the request of the Government by giving its views on the draft Regulations; but wishes it to be clearly understood that it does not regard the Ordinance, with its provision of grilles, guards, extensive and expensive alterations to construction of existing vessels, as the final word in the fight against piracy. The Chamber regards it only as a measure which, if carried out as far as is reasonably practicable, will serve to minimise the danger.

We are confident that the shipping companies and the officers on board the vessels are ready and willing to co-operate to the utmost with the Government, in putting into effect measures designed to prevent piracy; but we look, with reason, to the Government for more complete measures to be taken in the danger zones outside the ships themselves.

Convoys, I may say, do not appeal to your Committee as a method which would fit in with the practical running of the various steamship companies owning vessels of differing speeds; nor does the Committee think it consonant with the dignity of the British Government, here and at home, that war conditions should be established in times of peace, in order to avoid piracy which could well be countered by other means. There is no doubt that convoying could be usefully employed to a certain extent, but it would not be practicable to place the whole of the shipping concerned under convoy orders.

THE CENTRAL DEPOT PROPOSAL.

In view of the fact that the pirates generally, embark as passengers, after surreptitiously conveying arms on board—sometimes possibly amongst the cargo—Mr. Sutherland has put forward a scheme for a central embarking and disembarking station for all passenger vessels trading with the Canton Delta. The Committee approves the idea in principle as a means of facilitating the work of the police in searching, intercepting opium and arms smugglers and other undesirable, besides aiding the public health service in times of epidemic. The proposal is one which cannot be adopted without due consideration of shipping conditions as a whole, or without due regard to the practical and economical working of the steamers concerned. These are factors which would need to be provided for in developing the scheme, and, if it can be made to dovetail into existing shipping organisations without injuring economic working, the proposal has much to commend it.

THE COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTIONS FOR DEFEATING PIRACY.

I may here say that we are not satisfied that more could not be done by the police at the present time in searching passengers, etc., and also in ferreting out the organisations which—judging from the way the attacks are carried out—appear to make their plans in Hongkong. The whole difficulty in putting an end to piracy lies in the fact that the pirates are able to take refuge in Chinese territory and there they are free from molestation. There is no new characteristic that has been developed; we find from the earliest days that there have been numbers of people along the waterways ready to become pirates when a suitable opportunity was presented with little risk attached. The only effective action that can be taken to stamp out this evil is by following the offenders, apprehending them in their native haunts and meting out exemplary punishment. (Applause.) Our view, therefore, is that to put an end to the present, deplorable state of affairs it is necessary to round up the pirates on shore, and it was with this object in view, that the resolution, printed on page 5 of the Report, was submitted to the meeting of the Associated Chambers in Shanghai last month. Next to this, the first essential is an adequate number of Naval patrols which will make the attacks more hazardous and thereby act as a deterrent.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS.

Questions connected with wireless development have occupied the attention of your Committee during the year from several aspects. It is satisfactory to know that practically all the Naval vessels on the China Station are now fitted with wireless, and we are indebted to Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson for the interest he has taken in this matter. But we have had occasion to comment on the fact that these vessels still have an inadequate wireless staff, which means that wireless communication cannot be maintained throughout the 24 hours—a severe handicap. Members will note with pleasure, in regard to the continued interruption of the land lines to Canton, that the Commander is prepared to sanction the transmission of private messages by Naval wireless, when the ordinary methods of communication have broken down, provided the message is forwarded through the Chamber.

I am glad to note that since the arrival in the Colony of the Government's adviser on wireless questions—Mr. L. H. King—considerable improvements have been made at Cape D'Agulhar. A considerable quantity of the most up-to-date wireless gear has been ordered from home, and will be installed before the end of the year. Cape D'Agulhar will then be able to guarantee a radius of 1,000 miles, and probably a 2,000 miles radius will be attainable. Hongkong will then be in constant wireless communication with Manila, Singapore and Shanghai. At the present time the station is communicating with Canton, Kwong Chow Wan, and Swatow, and could handle double the amount of traffic now offering. New masts to replace those destroyed by typhoon last year are expected to be in position next May. Meanwhile, with two temporary 70 ft. masts, communication is being constantly maintained with stations and ships a very considerable distance away. It must be remembered that the distance at which communication is possible with steamers depends entirely on the power of the apparatus carried by the steamer. If the steamer's apparatus has a range of only 100 miles, the steamer is cut off from Cape D'Agulhar beyond that distance. Since January 1st the station has established communication with:

33 ships at over 1,000 miles
6 ships at over 1,250 miles
1 ship at over 1,500 miles
and 1 ship (the *Lancia*) at over 2,000 miles.

With regard to broadcasting here, I understand that the issue of a licence has been definitely forbidden by the Imperial Government, pending the trial of arrangements as at present in force in Great Britain; but this question has recently been referred to the authorities at home in order to obtain, if possible, permission to deal with the situation locally.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES.

Coming now to general questions concerning shipping, your Committee, on the invitation of the Government, devoted much time to the consideration of Harbour Improvements, arising out of the Report by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice. A very full account of these discussions was issued to the Press in October and I will not attempt a *résumé* now. The typhoon of August 18th occurred whilst this matter was under consideration, and the alarming risks to which shipping was subjected on that occasion led to the suggestion of the possibility of a wet dock, from which it would not be necessary for ships to move in typhoon weather, in preference to construction of the open type of wharves. As you know, the needs of the Port were very fully considered in the course of these discussions, which we hope will shortly be resumed, and a definite policy for future development determined upon. One fact, I think, has emerged very clearly; namely, that the Harbour, which is vital to the development and progress of the Colony, should have an administrative department of its own, in common with other great world-ports—instead of being in part—a branch of the Public Works Department.

STORM SIGNALS.

The improvement of the storm signal service has also received a great deal of attention. It has proved much more difficult than it should be to secure adequate interchange of messages between the Observatories of the Far East. We have urged, on many occasions, that the closest co-operation ought to exist in this matter between the Observatories of Hongkong and Zikawei but the months go by and nothing seems to be done.

METEOROLOGICAL AND WIRELESS STATION FOR PRATAS SHOAL.

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of the Chinese Customs, has kindly interested himself in the question of a Meteorological and Wireless Station on the Pratras Shoal and I am glad to say that he informs us that the Chinese Admiralty is prepared to instal and man a suitable station. The Shoal, you will remember, is right in the track of typhoons coming across the China Sea, and the station will be of the utmost value in giving warning to Hongkong and the South Coast of China of the approach of a typhoon. It is to be sincerely hoped therefore that this scheme will be carried out at an early date. (Applause.)

TRIBUTES TO THE RETIRING HARBOUR MASTER.

Before leaving matters connected with shipping, I must express the regret that is felt at the enforced retirement, through ill-health, of the Harbour Master, Commander Beckwith. An expression of the Chamber's appreciation of his services was conveyed to him before he left the Colony. During the many years in which he has been connected with the Port he has done a great deal towards improving conditions in the Harbour, and it is gratifying that

the Government accepted our suggestion to name after him the fog signal off Tathong Point which he was instrumental in establishing, and which will, therefore, remain as a permanent memorial of his work. (Applause.) He was also a great advocate of a powerful rescue tug for use in the Harbour during typhoon weather, and that we hope will be put in hand shortly.

In Commander Hake, now Acting Harbour Master, we have an officer with valuable local experience, who is well fitted to carry on the responsible duties which devolve upon him.

THE PORT'S SHIPPING.

This seems a fitting place to mention that the foreign tonnage (exclusive of local junks and steam launches) which entered and cleared the Port during 1923 amounted to 35 millions, as compared with 29½ millions, in round figures, in 1922. The increase amounts to 3,500,000 tons. (Applause.)

LOCAL TRADE.

In reviewing some of the principal features of local trade during 1923—which I will do very briefly—I have to acknowledge the courtesy of the Imports and Exports Department in permitting me to have access to figures and information not yet published. The total of imports and exports during 1923 was 121 million pounds sterling, as compared with 122 million pounds in 1922. Quantities may be taken as six per cent. better than these figures indicate. A fall in sterling exchange, as compared with 1922, masks an actual increase in trade somewhat larger than the sterling figures show. Total imports were about 62 million, and exports 61 millions. In spite of the prolonged political strife, internecine warfare and, generally, lawless conditions in South China, Hongkong's trade with the neighbouring Provinces has reached a total export of £24,990,731, a figure which is curiously close to the total of 1922, namely £24,914,072. The increase in 1923 amounts to some £258,000.

There is a significant drop in the value of commodities exported by the Railway. The total was only £132,000, as compared with £240,000 in 1922. This is explained by the fact that railway communication with China was seriously impeded, owing to the commandeering of trains by Chinese soldiery. The British section of the Railway sent no express trains through Chinese territory for a total period of ten months during the year, and no slow trains during a total period of over five months.

Exports of rice in 1923 were not particularly brisk, but a fair business was done throughout the year. Prices, generally speaking, have risen, but exchange has been helpful in keeping costs at attractive rates to European and, more so, to American buyers. A fair trade was done with the West Indies, principally Cuban Ports, and to the West Coast of South America; North America, however, took less than the normal amount of brokers for brewing purposes. Prices in Hongkong, in piculs, ranged from \$7 to \$8.30 for Garden rice; \$8.30 to \$7.35 for Saigon rice; and \$5.85 to \$7.60 for unpolished Peking brown. Statements have been made that Hongkong's Rice Trade is being seriously affected by direct shipment from the exporting countries. However, this may be, Hongkong imported over 20 million piculs of rice of all kinds during 1923, as compared with 18 millions in 1922 and 17 millions in 1921. Exports also show an increase.

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(Private Secretary.)

Wheat flour imports have risen from 1,770,141 piculs in 1923 to 1,924,449 piculs in 1924 in spite of reports that a great deal of the flour formerly transhipped in Hongkong is now shipped direct to Outports.

As to Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods, great changes have taken place in regard to the Fancy Trade. The old Figured and Plain Poplin business appears to be at an end, considerable business in all kinds of Fancy Woollens having taken its place. The turnover in staples shows a substantial improvement on 1923.

It will be noted in our Report that an unpleasant incident took place early in the year in connection with the Tin Export Trade. It was alleged by the New York Metal Exchange, in letters addressed to the Chamber and to the Government, that parcels of Chinese tin were showing on analysis a lower tin content than usual. The New York Metal Exchange was invited to send samples of shipments complained of, in order that the fullest investigation might be made. No further communication has been received from them, and it is to be regretted that general charges of this kind should be made by a responsible trade organization without any attempt to substantiate them. (Applause.)

LEGISLATION.

An interesting correspondence will be found in the Report on the subject of an amendment to the Opium Ordinance which your Committee felt very strongly, pressed most unfairly upon shipowners, to require a charge of conveying illicit opium by steamer the owner was called upon by the Section, as worded, to prove that "none of the officers or their servants or any of the crew were implicated therein." Of course, no such proof could possibly be adduced, and I am glad to say that the Chamber, after repeated representations, was able to induce the Government to substitute a form of words which leaves it to the Magistrate's discretion to decide whether or not *bona fide* on the part of the shipowner have been proved to his satisfaction. (Applause.)

Merchants will note with satisfaction that the Bill, proposed by the Chamber last year, to make illegal the transfer to a purchaser of the assets of a business, without the liabilities, has passed into Law.

NATIVE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

At the Shanghai Conference last month a resolution dealing with the disparity between the duties levied by the Maritime Customs and the Native Customs was proposed by us and duly passed. China, in 1923, gave a formal undertaking that the duties and like combined, levied on goods carried by junks from Hongkong to the Treaty Ports in the Canton Province, and *vice versa*, should together be not less than the duties imposed by the Chinese Maritime Customs. Nothing has been done to fulfil this undertaking in spite of frequent representations by H.M. Minister in Peking during the last twenty years. The present disparity operates as a preferential duty in favour of cargo conveyed by Chinese junks to the detriment of shipping generally. An interesting table is printed on pages 279 and 280 of the Report showing that the difference between the two duties may amount in some cases, to anything from 20 to 500 per cent. The difference will become still greater in the near future if the 21 per cent. surtax is adopted. The resolution recommended that, failing a revision of the Native Customs duties, the Maritime Customs duties should be reduced to the same level.

THE SHIPPING OF PRODUCE.

We have continued our endeavours to obtain from the General Produce Brokers' Association of London more considerate treatment of China shippers. The Arbitration Awards contain insufficient information and give no indication of the defect of the shipment. So far Brokers' Associations have only agreed to give an informal letter, if asked for, setting out the defects, but your Committee does not consider this is adequate. There are other respects in which we are asking for reform—for instance there is no "Force Majeure" Clause in the Association's Form of Contract for C.I.F. Sales of produce and the procedure generally in regard to Arbitration is unsatisfactory.

CANTON HARBOUR APPROACHES.

In the last few months we have had under consideration the condition of the approaches to Canton Harbour particularly with regard to the sailing at Taimet Crossing which have co-operated with the Canton British Chamber in representations which we trust will lead, at least to an amelioration of a state of affairs which constitutes a grave hazard to navigation.

THE CHINESE TRADE MARK LAW.

The Chamber has supported the Northern Chambers of Commerce in their protests against the proposed Chinese Trade Mark Law which it considered will provide quite inadequate machinery for the protection of valuable trade mark rights possessed by foreigners. The Diplomatic Body has been urged not to accept or recognise the new law without such modifications as will provide for adequate foreign representation in the Trade Mark Bureau, and on every Tribunal which may be called upon to give any decision affecting foreign interests in connection with Trade Marks.

THE MILITARY LANDS QUESTION.

It is most satisfactory to know that at last, after very many years' negotiation, arrangements have been made for the resumption of certain Military Lands. The price the Colony is called upon to pay is regarded as far too high; moreover, certain areas such as the Despatch Barracks and ground behind Headquarters House are retained, across which it is essential for us to have, to provide for the growth and expansion of the City. (Applause.) It is to be hoped that arrangements can be made for the acquisition

of these areas which, by the way, were valued by Sir John Oakley. However, although the terms for resumption are so unsatisfactory, the Committee's opinion was that they must be accepted, and representations made for the surrender of certain reserved areas such as I have named. In this connection I should like to pay tribute to the services of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, whose untiring efforts for the public weal are well known to all of us. (Applause.) Mr. Pollock's succinct and able statement of the Colony's case at the last meeting of the Legislative Council cannot fail to impress the authorities at home.

THE IMPROVED MAIL SERVICE.

It is fitting that I should place on record our acknowledgment of the improvements in the mail service since this Chamber—with other bodies in the Far East—made representations about a year ago. These improvements have been effected principally through the development of the overland route to Brindisi, enabling shipping documents to overtake or precede the cargo to which they relate, to the convenience of all concerned.

THE TELEPHONE CONTRACT.

The Telephone question advanced to a certain extent in 1923 inasmuch as the Telephone Company voluntarily reduced their valuation of the plant by some £65,000. The Joint Chamber of Commerce Telephone Committee, however, still consider this reduction is not adequate, and representations have been made to that effect, but as yet without response. Telephone subscribers, of course, appreciate that their rentals must bear some reasonable relation to the value of the Capital sunk in the business and the Joint Committee are working to this end only. The main facts are in possession of the Telephone Company and until the latter satisfy the Committee of the reasonableness of their claims no further progress can be made. The Company's monopoly ceases on 31st January, 1924, and until then the Company can refuse to depart from their present attitude. Sometime before that date the Government, or the Community at large, must take steps to inaugurate a new system to replace the present one on its expiration, unless the present monopolists come to terms. The Telephone Company does not seem to be in any great hurry as they have not answered the Joint Committee's last letter on the subject dated 23rd April, 1923.

Up till now there has been between the Company and the Hongkong Government. Recently, however, local financial interests have endeavoured to negotiate with the Company, with what success is at present unknown and whether their advent will result in a quicker settlement of the question or the reverse remains to be seen.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

When the extent of the disaster which occurred in Japan through the earthquake on 1st September was realised, your Committee opened a Relief Fund, and I take this opportunity of acknowledging the generous support given to the Fund by the Government, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the community generally. The Chamber lent its organisation for the purpose of administering the Fund, and our thanks are due to those members of the Chamber who acted on the Relief Committee; I would mention especially Mr. G. T. Edkins, who ably presided over the Committee and devoted a great deal of time and thought to the administration; also the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen who acted as Hon. Treasurer of the Fund. (Applause.)

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The Chamber also placed its staff at the disposal of the Joint Chambers of Commerce Committee which has made the local arrangements for the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition. There is every reason to believe that Hongkong's contribution to what will undoubtedly be the greatest Exhibition of the kind the world has ever seen is going to be worthy of the Colony and of its commercial importance. In this connection our thanks are due to the Hon. Mr. Holvoak and those associated with him on the Hongkong Committee; also to the London Committee, Mr. H. W. Bird and Mr. C. H. P. Hay, the Hon. Secretary, for all they have done to ensure the success of the Hongkong Section. (Applause.)

THE UNIVERSITY.

Before concluding my remarks I should like to extend a welcome on behalf of the Chamber to the new Vice-Chancellor of the University—Mr. H. W. Hornell. His inaugural address was heard with great interest and I am sure that the University may look for steady progress under his guidance. We have taken the opportunity, in our Report, to record our tribute to Sir William Brunner, our important services to the University and its staff particularly in the direction of financial reorganisation and the establishment of a superannuation fund. Mr. Hornell may rest assured that the University will always receive the moral and material support of this Chamber.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. DR. T. W. PEARCE.

I should like, also, to offer a word of congratulation to the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce on the well merited honour conferred upon him during the year for signal services to education in this Colony. (Applause.) We are ourselves indebted to Dr. Pearce for the very able manner in which he has during the last few years conducted the classes maintained by the Chamber for giving instruction to young Chinese. The importance to young men of a speaking knowledge of Chinese can hardly be over-estimated and I commend these classes to the support and interest of mercantile firms.

The financial statement is before you. I think calls for no special comment beyond drawing attention to the fact that, owing to death of students at the Chinese Language School during the year, that institution owes the Chamber \$2,303. Unless the School is able to pay off the debt during the next two years I suggest it should be written off Reserve Account in yearly instalments.

THE SECRETARY'S VACATION.

Gentlemen, it is a matter of much regret to your Committee, and I am sure to all the members of the Chamber and the Colony generally that, owing to ill-health, our Secretary, Mr. Blair, has been medically advised to seek rest and recuperation in Europe and will be leaving the Colony at the end of this week. The work of the past two years has been particularly heavy and far surpassed that of previous years. The strain, especially during the strike period, when he was carrying on singlehanded, has told severely on him, and no doubt hastened this breakdown, which we trust is only of a temporary nature. Many here can speak with greater knowledge than I can of the energetic and efficient services which Mr. Blair has rendered to this Chamber for many years. (Applause.) His judgment, discretion and long acquaintance with local conditions have always been of the greatest value. Under the circumstances your Committee has granted Mr. Blair a year's Homeleave, a decision which I am sure members will readily endorse, and it is our earnest hope that the trip home to his family and a long rest from the very active life he has followed here will renew his health and fit him again to take up his duties with the same energy and enthusiasm as heretofore. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews will in the interim carry on the secretarial organisation with the Acting Assistant Secretary, Mr. Key, who for nearly two years has proved his value in the Secretariat, in that capacity. (Applause.)

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and after that motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which members may wish to put.

MR. W. L. PATTENDEN'S SPEECH.

Mr. W. L. PATTENDEN, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, said—

The very interesting address to which we have just listened and the contents of the volume containing the record of the Chamber's activities bear striking testimony to the strenuous work of the Committee and Secretariat during the past year, one in which many important questions have been under consideration. I should like to express on behalf of the General Members our indebtedness to the Chairman and the General and Secretaries, also to the Secretariat for the work that has been so efficiently done. You, Sir, rightly laid special stress on the need for effective measures to counter the piratical attacks so constantly made upon local shipping, even within the waters of the Harbour, and I venture to suggest that events of the past few weeks point to the fact that the present patrol service in the harbour limits is quite inadequate. Although the Imperial Government has decided not to proceed with the proposed Naval Base at Singapore, a decision I feel most of us deplore, it is to be hoped that they will not be averse to a comparatively speaking small expenditure very necessary for countering dangers threatening British interests in China to-day. As you have interests in our most urgent need is for increased Naval protection, particularly in the form of patrols of trade routes which, we all remember, have proved highly effective in quelling piracy in the past. I am sure we are all in agreement, too, with the Resolution submitted to this Chamber to the recent Shanghai Commerce Conference in Shanghai urging that, in view of the powerlessness of China to deal with the evil-doers, nests of pirates should be cleared out by punitive measures employed by Foreign Powers. Such action will be as much in the interests of China as of ourselves, for it must not be forgotten that the Chinese, after all, are the chief sufferers from piracy. I hope, Sir, that before the next annual meeting of the Chamber we shall have advanced a long way towards a solution of this very serious problem.

The question of the removal of the military establishments in these meetings and at last the first steps are to be taken towards accomplishing this desirable end; though I must say, with you, Sir, that the satisfaction we might have felt at the heavy price we are to pay for what is, after all, only a partial realisation of our hopes, and at a very distant date which many of us will not be here to witness, I hope that success will attend the negotiations for revision of the onerous conditions imposed upon us. I join most heartily in acknowledging of our indebtedness to Mr. Pollock for his able spokesmanship for the Colony in this as in so many other public questions. It is to be regretted that there is still so little close co-operation between the Hongkong and Zikawei Observatories so necessary for an improvement in the Storm Signal Service, but it is very satisfactory to learn that Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, has kindly interested himself in the questions of a Meteorological Wireless Station in the Pratas Shoal, which I think is a correct in saying has for a long time past been advocated by this Chamber. I most sincerely trust that by this time next year we may hear that the scheme is on the way, at all events, to being carried out.

I will not attempt to touch upon all the questions to which reference has been made this afternoon but I would endorse what the Chairman has said as to the wireless needs of the Colony, especially in view of the constant interference of land lines owing to low-level conditions in the interior. The offer of the Naval authorities to place wireless facilities at the disposal of commercial firms I am sure is appreciated by all. I am glad to note, also, that endeavours are still

being made to establish more satisfactory relations between China Shippers and the General Produce Brokers' Association of London. Merchants in China are seeking reforms in arbitration procedure and other matters which, I consider, are perfectly reasonable and necessary under modern conditions of business.

Members of the Chamber, I am sure, will regret very much the Secretary's breakdown in health. Mr. Blair has been active and zealous in the Chamber's interests for many years, and a valued member of the community by reason of the keen and helpful interest he has taken in many local organisations. His organising abilities will be greatly missed. I am sure we all hope that a year's rest and recuperation in a better climate will restore Mr. Blair to health and strength and that we shall see him again in Hongkong ready to enter with his wonted zest into the life of the Colony. (Applause.)

With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

FURTHER VIEWS ON THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

MORE EFFICIENT SEARCH OF CHINESE PASSENGERS NEEDED.

Mr. W. S. BAILEY, of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., said: I am requested, Sir, to speak to-day on the subject of piracy as outlined in the very full report of this Chamber and as summarised in your comprehensive speech. I think, Sir, the general feeling regarding piracy is one of strong indignation at the repeated loss of life and property and of injury to the most vital industry of the Colony, besides the injury to the prestige of our flag. It is with feelings almost of shame that we must admit, despite the undoubted efforts of our authorities, our failure to bring to justice any of the perpetrators of these murders and robberies; to recover any of the stolen property, or to safeguard the lives of the captains, officers and crews of vessels trading in our waters. The relative merits of galleys, patrols and convoy systems have been so far discussed without any apparent reduction in piracy, and much more effective means appear imperative. I suggest, Sir, in the first place there be put in force at once a more efficient search of Chinese passengers embarking from, and arriving at this port. Second, the continued use of galleys as far as practicable, with the arming of officers; thirdly, extension of convoys and naval patrols as recommended by this Chamber, also the more general use of wireless telegraphy both ashore and afloat. Fourthly, an agreement with the Customs and Chinese Government, by which pirates may be traced, apprehended and punished in China. (Applause.)

I have read with much interest the report of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice on the proposed Harbour improvements scheme and the correspondence connected therewith contained in the annual report of this Chamber, and I think you will not dispute the great advantage enabling vessels to discharge directly into godowns and so avoid the loss of time and material and the delays incident to our present system. In this connection I would endorse generally the scheme submitted to this Chamber by Mr. Sutherland, referred to in the report, and since submitted in detail to the Government. This scheme would contribute largely not only to the safety of the travelling public but to the prevention of lawlessness in the Colony, besides greatly simplifying and expediting the work of the Health authorities and so checking the introduction of infection and disease generally into the Colony. It is an anomaly that Hongkong is practically the only port of importance in which no control is exercised over those entering or leaving the Colony, and I may say, situated as we are, adjacent to that great Chinese centre, Canton, with its teeming millions, that there is no port in the world where some such control is so imperative to the safety and well being of the inhabitants. Shortly, Sir, I think any expenditure we can afford in the maintenance of law and order, and in the fullest development of this fine port, which nature has entrusted to us—well repaid by security, increased volume of trade and revenue and by the attraction of capital to the Colony with resulting benefits to both this and future generations. (Applause.)

There were no questions and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. E. PEARCE then proposed the following names as members of the Committee for the ensuing year—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holvoak, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. N. L. Watson and Mr. J. P. Warren.

Mr. A. L. SHIELDS seconded, and, as there were no additions or objections, the names were unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the confirmation of the following firms to be elected as members of the Chamber—The P. & O. Banking Corporation, Ltd., The Nam Hing Yuen Hong, The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., Societe Francaise de Girauc, Messrs. Holvoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Davis, Bog & Co., Ltd.

Mr. G. T. EDKINS seconded, and the names were passed without dissent.

This was all the business before the meeting.

NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Committee held a meeting for the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. On the motion of Mr. J. A. PLUMMER, seconded by Mr. J. P. WARREN, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr. N. L. Watson was elected Vice-Chairman on the motion of Mr. BERNARD, seconded by Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES.

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R. A. ATHLETIC MEETING.

27th and 28th MARCH, 1924.

U.S.R.C. GROUND, KOWLOON.

At the above Meeting there will be A MILE RACE Open to the Services and all British Residents in the Colony. The Race is timed for 4.20 p.m. on the 27th INSTANT. Hongkong, 24th March, 1924. [550]

S.S. "ANGKOR."

SERVICES CONTRACTUAL DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LEB. & Co. in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th April, 1924, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Saturday, the 29th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected. R. RODENFUSER, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 24th March, 1924. [551]

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RICKMERS LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, to-day. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 28th inst., at 10 a.m. All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject to rent. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by NALMOLO VERNOUTSCHAP. CARL BODIKER & CO.'S, HANDELSMAATSCHAP (LTD.), Agents, Rickmers Linie. Hongkong, 24th March, 1924. [553]

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MACKINNON, MAOKENZIE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 25th March, 1924. [548]

INTIMATIONS

DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, ETC., 1924 EDITION.

THE First 300 Copies of the Hongkong Issue of "THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY" FOR CHINA, JAPAN, ETC., 1924, are NOW READY. It will expedite delivery if those Subscribers who can do so will send for their Copies to the Town Office of "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS", 1A, Charter Road (3rd floor) at Any Time after 9 A.M. TO-DAY.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETING 1924.

MEMBERS' SEASON TICKETS are Now Ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [518]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1924, commencing at 3 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, MARCH 28th. The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. [519]

NOTICE.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the "BRITISH LEGION" will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 27th MARCH, 1924, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the REPORT and ACCOUNTS for the Year 1923, and of electing OFFICERS and other MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE for the ensuing year, and of appointing HONORARY AUDITORS, and of dealing with any other Business. By Order of the General Committee, R. E. CABLE, Hon. Secretary. [549]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underigned on THURSDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1923. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 25th March, 1924, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, March 24th, 1924. [476]

PUBLIC DINNER

SIR WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C.

IT is proposed that A DINNER should be given by the FOREIGN COMMUNITY in honour of the Departing CHIEF JUSTICE at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, at 8 p.m. Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 7th April, their intention to the Messrs. ROBERTSON, Hongkong Club, who will supply all Particulars. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924. [542]

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PROPRIETOR, PALACE HOTEL. [477]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB. NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on TUESDAY, the 25th MARCH, 1924, at 5.30 p.m. By Order, T. A. ROBERTSON, Secretary. Hongkong, 15th March, 1924. [515]

HONGKONG CLUB. NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB, called in pursuance of a Resolution by more than 20 Resident Members, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on TUESDAY, the 25th MARCH, 1924, immediately after the Yearly General Meeting. Business—As set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club. By Order, T. A. ROBERTSON, Secretary. Hongkong, 15th March, 1924. [513]

ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 1924, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the CHAMBER ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for Year-ended 31st December, 1923.
 2. To elect a New Committee.
 3. To transact any General Business.
- By Order, D. K. BLAIR, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [537]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PROCTOR STREET, on MONDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1924, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents. [494]

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (CHINA CENTRE).

FOLLOWING upon the Organization to the above Centre, Members of any Grade of the Institution, resident in China, who have not received Communications concerning the Centre, are requested to communicate with:—

C. S. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary, 17, Fookchow Road, SHANGHAI. [538]

SHANGHAI MIXED COURT FOREIGN CIVIL CASE No. 422.

BOWEN & COMPANY, PLAINTIFFS and CHUNG YEN BANG, DEFENDANT.

NATURE OF CLAIM For the Specific Performance of a Contract.

Date, Magistrate, Assessor, Decision or Judgment. 22/2/24 Kwán White. Adjudged for one month. If Defendant fails to appear without adequate reason Counsel for Plaintiff to proceed to prove his case. Counsel for Plaintiff to insert Advertisement for Three Days in Hongkong Press, requiring presence of Defendant. [539]

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, You are HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that unless you appear within One Month from the Date hereof before the SHANGHAI MIXED COURT to the above Action the Plaintiff will proceed to prove their Case in the above manner. Dated the 19th day of March, 1924. HASTINGS, DENNIS & BOWLEY, Solicitors for the Plaintiff. [535]

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PIRACY REGULATIONS.

In the statement published by the officials of the Marine Officers' Guilds at Shanghai on the subject of the new Regulations of the Hongkong Government for the Prevention of Piracy there was a paragraph which read: "The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, true to its ancient lineage, has remained consistently dumb." From the context we are led to suppose that what was really meant was that the Chamber had been "dumb" to the protests of the Marine Officers' Guilds against the obligation to "resist to the uttermost" any piratical attack. The Chamber had not been dumb, for the Annual Report discloses that the Committee when they considered the draft regulations approved the incorporation of this particular clause. While they regarded a patrolling system and piracy regulations as "measures required to contend with the piracy evil," their view has been that "the most effective way of dealing with pirates is that prompt action should be taken by armed authorities immediately a piracy is heard of and directed to the spot where the pirates take shelter." Apart from their approval of the clause requiring officers on the ships to "resist to the uttermost" in the event of a piratical attack, and their content to give to the Governor in Council the power, in his absolute discretion, to refuse to allow the appointment or employment of any particular person on a ship, operating under the Piracy Regulations, the views of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce appear to be entirely in accord with the views of the Marine Officers' Guilds as to what is primarily needed for the prevention of piracy. And the Committee has certainly not been "dumb" on this subject. They have proclaimed their views from the houseposts, so to speak, for the Hongkong Chamber was responsible for the resolutions on the subject of piracy which were unanimously

passed by the Associated British Chambers of Commerce held in Shanghai in February. These resolutions in themselves are, as we have said, generally in line with the attitude of the Marine Officers' Guilds. They affirmed in the first place, that the numerous piracies and the inability of any Government in China to deal with the situation, called for immediate action on the part of the Foreign Powers; secondly they urged H.M. Government to make arrangements with the proper Chinese Authorities whereby immediately a piracy is reported, punitive measures may be taken against the pirates by H.M. Navy in the locality where they have landed; and, thirdly, they strongly advocated an increased number of Naval vessels available for patrol work, especially in the Canton Delta and neighbouring waters, where it is clearly indicated by the frequent piracies successfully carried out that the existing patrols are inadequate to prevent them. Moreover, the speech delivered by Mr. BERNARD, as Chairman of the Chamber, at yesterday's annual meeting shows the Chamber to be no more enamoured of the convoy system, instituted yesterday, than are the officers of the ships. Convoys "do not appeal to the Committee as a method which would fit in with the practical running of the various steamship companies owning vessels of differing speeds; nor does the Committee think it consonant with the dignity of the British Government, here and at home, that war conditions should be established in times of peace in order to avoid piracies which could well be countered by other means." The other means are, of course, those indicated in the resolutions which were proposed on the Chamber's behalf at the Shanghai Conference, namely that to put an end to the present deplorable state of affairs it is necessary to round up the pirates on shore, and that "next to this, the first essential is an adequate number of Naval patrols, which will make the attacks more hazardous and thereby act as a deterrent." If the Committee of the Chamber considers it to be the duty of the master and other certificated officers to "resist to the uttermost any piratical attack," we hesitate to believe that they expect them to do so without an assurance that provision will be made for them or their dependants if they are disabled or killed in the execution of this duty. In the absence of any definite contract to this effect the attitude of the officers towards such an obligation can be understood, and it is hardly sufficient to be told, when the regulations are actually imposed, that the Government is "considering" a scheme of insurance.

At a meeting of the Catholic Community of Hongkong held yesterday at the Catholic Union Club (Mr. F. H. Barnes, President of the Club, presiding) it was decided: (1) that it is desirable to erect a Memorial to perpetuate the memory of the late Bishop D. Pozzoni; (2) that a Bishop Pozzoni Memorial Committee be appointed, to consider ways and means for carrying out the above proposal. A provisional committee was appointed to undertake the formation of the Memorial Committee, representative of all sections of the Catholic Community of Hongkong.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Robert Titus Kain, Esq., U.S. Navy ship, J. T. Ford, to Miss Justina Morris, en route from the United States of America by the s.s. Korea Maru; Mr. George Emil N. de Mann, banker, King Edward Hotel, to Miss Emmy des Amore van der Hoeven, No. 80, Galvani-straat den Haag, Holland; Mr. Siegfried Labmann, merchant, Astor House Hotel, to Miss Bertha Antonia Valerie Heiland, en route from Hamburg by the s.s. Colibri; Staff Capt. Alfred James Holland of the s.s. Empress of Australia, to Miss Alice Green of No. 7, East Point Terrace, Hongkong.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China is rebuilding its premises at Tientsin. The new building will be of three floors; altogether 80ft. high with a frontage of 150ft. on Victoria Road and the same on Ewo road. The architecture will be in classical design with Ionic columns on both frontages, and it is stated that altogether the building will be a remarkable advance on many similar constructions in Tientsin. While building operations are in progress the bank will be in temporary quarters, in the old Carlowitz building, Consular Road, recently vacated by the defunct Asia Banking Corporation.

Mr. J. P. Mollison, whose residence at Yokohama was raided by burglars after the earthquake and a large part of the furniture stolen, is reported to have threatened legal proceedings against the authorities. Attached to a letter sent to Governor Yasukochi were two iron bars, or perhaps we should rather say the letter was attached to the bars, which were produced as evidence of the crime. The Japan Times says that the bars were sent at once to the Bluff Police Station and a search for their former owners is being instituted. A part of Mr. Mollison's furniture, it is stated, was removed and kept by a Japanese servant. These have now been recovered and restored to Mr. Mollison.

Mr. Ernest Alabaster has been appointed Commissioner of Customs at Mukden.

A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral tomorrow, at 7.30 a.m. for the repose of the late Bishop Pozzoni.

At the conclusion of the annual inter-school athletic sports at Happy Valley on Friday, the shield and trophies will be presented by H.E. the Governor.

During the month of February 161 automobile accidents and 87 street car accidents were reported to the Manila police. The police arrested 40 "speeders" during the month.

"Arbour Day" has been celebrated at Wong Fa Kong, the tomb of "the Seventy-two Martyrs" at Canton. More than a thousand persons were present and every one of them, it is stated, planted a tree.

There were two motor accidents reported to the police for Sunday. On the Kowloon City Road, a Chinese boy aged 13 years, was knocked down by motor-bus No. 1047, whilst on the Lai-chikok Road a truck coolie had two toes crushed by motor-bus No. 1312. Both injured persons were sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

The American Red Cross organization has authorized the American Embassy at Tokyo to draw on the organization for \$25,000.00 of the \$11,000,000 subscribed for earthquake relief by people of the United States, to build a permanent memorial hospital. One-half of the amount is for the construction and the other half for maintenance.

The Hongkong Office of the Chinese Telegraphs Administration is now accepting telegrams for Canton to be despatched via Eastern Extension Co.'s cables to Macao and land lines from Chin-Shan to Canton. The charge for this service is 18 cents per word (nine cents for cable service to Macao and nine cents for land line service to Canton).

An armed robbery took place yesterday afternoon at No. 21, Hax Woo Street, Kennedy Town, when four men armed with daggers entered the premises and held up the inmates and stole a small quantity of jewellery and money. On receipt of the information at the Central Police Station parties of police were sent out to search trams and wharves in order to prevent the gang from escaping out of Hongkong.

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On Saturday next the Netherlands Trading Society will celebrate the centenary of its existence. It was founded under the auspices of His Majesty King William I. (great grandfather of Queen Wilhelmina). In the second half of the past century the Netherlands Trading Society commenced its activities in the Far East, outside the Netherlands Indies. The branch at Singapore was opened in 1857, followed by branches in Penang, Rangoon, Shanghai, Kobe, Calcutta, Bombay and in 1906—Hongkong. The Manager of the local branch will be at home on Saturday next from 11-1 in the new office of the Company, 11, Queen's Road Central, corner of Ice House Street, and he will give a dinner party at night in the Hongkong Hotel, to which will be invited the European staff of the Company and the Managers of different Netherlands firms in the Colony. As an extra race-meeting is being held on the 26th inst., the Manager has presented a cup for one of the events in commemoration of the foundation of the Bank.

NEW LOCAL SOLICITOR.

Mr. Eric Sidney Clifford Brookes was, at the Supreme Court, yesterday, admitted by His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Rees-Davies) to practice as a solicitor in Hongkong.

The Attorney-General, in moving the admission, said that Mr. Brookes was articled in England in 1909, and was admitted to practice there in April, 1914. He joined His Majesty's Forces in August, 1914, and resigned his Commission in December, 1919. In 1921 he was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, Kenya Colony, and resigned the post in February of this year.

The Chief Justice said that Mr. Brookes' application was not strictly regular, and although he (the Chief Justice) was loath to delay Mr. Brookes' practice in this Court, it would be necessary that there should be some further proof from England that his practising certificate was still in force. He would admit subject to the receipt of this proof. His Honour then referred to Mr. Brookes' five years' service in His Majesty's Forces during the War, and to his Government service in Kenya, and trusted that both these experiences would help to add to his success in this Colony.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]UNEASINESS IN PARIS.
RUMORED DISAGREEMENT OF
REPARATIONS EXPERTS.

LONDON, March 23rd.

There is some uneasiness in Paris owing to the return of the British experts, Mr. Reginald McKenna and Sir John Bradbury, to London following persistent rumours of differences between them and their French and Belgian colleagues, especially with regard to what Germany is able to pay during a two or three years' moratorium and for a few years following.

It is believed that the sudden visit to London is due to the necessity for adjusting the opposing points of view.

Meanwhile, it is reported that Mr. Poincaré has sent the French Ambassador in London an important communication for Mr. Ramsay MacDonald again discussing the question of the future security of France's eastern frontier.

The opinion is held that Mr. Poincaré desires to make an eventual agreement easier by broadening the grounds of discussion.

POSITION VIEWED WITH ALARM.
LATER.

The situation arising out of the differences of the Reparations experts, which resulted in the British representatives returning to report to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is described here as extremely difficult, if not critical. It is understood that the British experts are of opinion that Germany should have a real moratorium, whereas the French and Belgians insist on substantial deliveries in kind and the payment of occupation costs during the proposed moratorium. They contend that if Germany is unable to finance such deliveries, they should be financed out of an international loan, which would mean indirect British financial assistance to countries already heavily indebted to us. Germany's capacity to pay after a two or three years' moratorium has also been discussed at great length. Annual payments ranging from £100,000,000 to £225,000,000 have been suggested.

SOVIET CLEMENCY.

RUSSIANS INFLUENCED BY
BRITISH PREMIER.

LONDON, March 23rd.

It is announced that the Soviet authorities have decided to release and expel Archbishop Copleak. It is believed that representations by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald influenced this decision. Proceedings against Archbishop Tikhon have been definitely abandoned.

BABY SHAH OF PERSIA.

TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY TO DEPOSE
FATHER.

LONDON, March 23rd.

A message from Teheran states that owing to the opposition shown by the clergy and the public, the Parliament has dropped the proposal to establish a Republic, but have decided to depose the Shah in favour of his two-year-old son, and to appoint a Regent during the child's minority.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' PROTEST.

SINKING OF BATTLESHIPS NOT
OBLIGATORY.

SYDNEY, March 23rd.

A meeting of the Australian Natives' Association has telegraphed to Mr. Bruce, protesting against the decision to sink the battleship *Australia* on the ground that sinking is not obligatory under the Washington Treaty.

GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.
CRASHES IN FIRST FLIGHT AFTER
SIX YEARS.

BERLIN, March 23rd.

The famous airman, Herr Linnekegel, who established two world height records, on resuming flying after six years, crashed and was killed in his first flight, near Cassel.

FLOATING MINE TRAGEDY.
SIXTEEN BOATMEN KILLED OFF
ALEXANDRIA.

CAIRO, March 23rd.

Sixteen fishermen were killed off Alexandria by the explosion of a floating mine which had become entangled in the nets.

RUHR TRADE RETURNS.

DUSSLELDORF, March 23rd.

The output of the Ruhr mines amounts to 102 per cent. and coke-ovens 82 per cent. of the respective figures for 1922. 71,600 railwaymen have been re-enlisted. The February Customs duties and special licenses yielded 24 millions of gold marks, thus permitting an estimate of 300 millions as the total receipt for 1924. (Havas.)

EARLIER CABLES.

LONDON TRANSPORT STRIKE.
CO-ORDINATION SUGGESTED AS A
SOLUTION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

Co-ordination of London's transport facilities was suggested in the court of enquiry into the tramway strike as the only way out of the present difficulties, which are attributed to wasteful competition under the present system.

Mr. Beven expressed the opinion that an increase in wages of 8s. a week could be granted by adopting a traffic control.

Mr. Pick, of the London General Omnibus Company, stated that owing to private companies competing with their trams in the suburbs, the Company were compelled to place their buses on the same routes, with the result that there were three services where one service would be adequate. Some means of public control appeared to be the only remedy that would enable the Tramway Companies to pay increased wages.

Mr. Ashfield, replying to Mr. Beven, was also of the opinion that the only remedy was complete co-ordination of all transport facilities in London under a Traffic Authority and charging only such fares as would enable the payment of good wages.

NATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION.
BIG GATHERING TO VISIT EMPIRE
EXHIBITION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The National Students' Union are organising an Imperial Students' Conference in connection with the British Empire Exhibition, and are inviting one student from each University within the Empire to meet in London on July 18th and spend a week visiting the Exhibition and in seeing London, and then going to Cambridge, where probably they will be accommodated in the Colleges. Imperial problems will be discussed, and it is hoped that leading members of Parliament will address the conference.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

NOTED SCOTS DOCTOR DEAD.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The death is announced of Sir William MacEwen.

[Sir William MacEwen, C.B., one of the most distinguished surgeons whom Scotland has produced, was born in 1848. He was Hon. Surgeon to His Majesty in Scotland, Surgeon-General to the Royal Navy for Scotland, and had filled the office of Professor of Surgery to Glasgow University since 1892. He was the author of a variety of works on surgery which were very highly regarded by the medical profession. One of the most noteworthy of these was his treatise on Infective Sinus Thrombosis, published in 1903.]

LATEST CABLES.
[REUTERS AMERICAN SERVICE.]U.S. STEEL CORPORATION.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR
PAST YEAR.

NEW YORK, March 23rd.

The annual statement of the United States Steel Corporation for the year ended December 31st, 1923, shows net earnings of \$128,177,000. The surplus net income is \$54,290,000. The dividends are—Preferred Shares 7 per cent., and Ordinary Shares 5 1/2 per cent.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

NEW YORK, March 23rd.

In the sixth round of the International Chess Tournament, Capablanca beat Tartakower (Russia) after fifty-one moves.

EARLIER CABLES.

TILDEN FOR DAVIS CUP?

NEW RULE NOT TO OPERATE
UNTIL 1925.

NEW YORK, March 23rd.

Tilden points out that the Lawn Tennis Association's new rule barring players from writing to the Press does not operate until 1925. He, therefore, is eligible and willing to represent the United States in the Davis Cup competition this year.

Tilden says he understands that a similar rule adopted by the Olympic Committee operates automatically and excludes himself and several other American tennis players.

NO U.S. ARMS FOR HONDURAS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ISSUES AN
EMBARGO.

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.

President Coolidge has placed an embargo on the sale or shipment of arms or ammunition to Honduras.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PHILIPPINE VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

RABUYAN ISLAND INHABITANTS
REPORTED KILLED.

MANILA, March 24th.

The Constabulary have received a report that the inhabitants of Rabuyan Island, mostly fishermen, are believed to have been killed by a volcano eruption on March 1st. The island is sparsely inhabited and lies in the Northern extremity of the Luzon volcanic area. The volcano, which burst into eruption is known as Smith's Cone.

JAPANESE UNIVERSITY'S BOOKS.

BRITISH EFFORTS TO RESTORE
COLLECTION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

A British Committee which is organising a movement to help to replace the English books lost by the Japanese Imperial University during the earthquake, writes to the Press stating that the learned societies and British publishers have already made the most generous response. The Committee invites cash donations in order to provide other valuable works.

A SIAMESE LOAN.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The flotation of a Siamese Loan is expected early this week. The amount will probably be £2,000,000 bearing 6 per cent., the issuing price being 95.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

The prize-giving for this school took place yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's Hall. The Rev. Father Spada, Pro-Vicar Apostolic of the R. C. Mission, presented the prizes. The distribution of prizes was followed by an excellent entertainment given by the scholars. The large audience of parents and friends were unstinted in their applause. The Director of Education (Mr. G. N. O'Connell) honoured the proceedings with his presence and amongst others present were the Very Rev. Father Robert and Chee, A.V.O.

The Report of the Headmistress stated that the school opened with 229 pupils and there had been a steady increase throughout the year; the highest enrolment being 257 in the month of April. Owing to the collapsing of the Kindergarten Hall, the school was unable to meet the numerous demands for admission of new pupils. It was hoped that a larger building will soon be constructed. The School was inspected in October, by Mr. de Martin, and the inspection proved very satisfactory throughout the classes. The written work and drawings being specially commended. The University Local examinations produced results as good as could be expected. In the Senior division three passed, two obtaining distinction. Miss M. Rosario in music, and Miss E. Bliss in stenography. In the Junior division seven passed, Miss A. Silva with distinction in drawing. The class of "First Aid" had been well attended and the children showed special interest and knowledge. At the examination held in December last, the Lugard Scholarship was won by Albertina Garcia, and C. Hyndman carried off the prize for religious knowledge. The evening class for shorthand and typewriting had continued to be a great success.

"WISDEN" FOR 1924.

WHEN BOWLERS RAISE THE SEAM
OF THE BALL.

To cricketers all over the world the annual appearance of "Wisden" is one of those events which must be marked in red on the calendar. We have just received the issue for 1924 of the time-honoured publication, and find that this—the sixty-first edition—contains all the features which have hitherto made it so popular with all who are interested in the great summer game. Edited once again by Mr. Sydney H. Pardon, most tireless of compilers of cricketing lore, the 1924 "Wisden" contains photographs of five of the foremost County bowlers of 1923—Roy Kilner, G. G. Macaulay, M. F. Tate, A. E. R. Gilligan, and C. H. Parkin. The first feature on the list of contents is "The Laws of Cricket" as revised by the Marylebone Club in various years from 1884 to 1922 inclusively. Another interesting item is "Instructions to Umpires from the M.C.C. Book of October 1923, one regulation of which reads: "It sometimes happens that the bowler will lift the seam of the ball in order to obtain a better hold. This is not legitimate. The ball, in such a case, should be shown to the Umpire who should call for another ball and warn the Captain that the practice is unfair."

Altogether a thoroughly interesting volume, which worthily upholds all the traditions of the great cricket annual.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.
LOCAL AUXILIARY'S ANNUAL
MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday. The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E. (Colonial Secretary), presided.

The Rev. Dr. Pearce (honorary secretary) having read the report (extracts from which appeared in these columns last week).

The Chairman said it was a matter of satisfaction to all that the local Auxiliary had been able to carry on so successfully, and especially so to their old friend, Dr. Pearce, to Dr. Sanders, the honorary treasurer, to the members of the Committee and also to those ladies who make it their business, year in and year out, to collect a certain sum of money for the Society. The Society, continued Sir Claude, was a wonderful one. No one who took the trouble to discover what the Society has done in the past 120 years could fail to realise how deeply the work of Foreign Missions—so far as the Bible was concerned—had penetrated in foreign fields.

Concluding, Sir Claude said that Dr. Pearce had cause to congratulate himself upon the success of the annual meeting, particularly in view of the fact that the Synod was still sitting at Canton. Sir Claude, however, was sorry to notice the absence of one who had for many years worked with them in the interests of the Society, i.e., Dr. Bondfield.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop L. H. Roots, D.D., Hankow, in the course of a brief address on the Society's general activities, said that the Bible Society was one of those institutions which belonged to every Christian in China and every Christian in every part of the world. It was doing fundamental work; that was why he felt himself privileged to work for the Society and to attend the Hongkong Auxiliary's annual meeting. He was not previously aware that Hongkong had such an active Auxiliary.

After remarking on the small proportion of native Christians in China who are able to read, Bishop Roots referred to the translation difficulties. The campaign for a Bible-reading Church in China could not be relinquished until the end had been reached. We could not have a Christian community in this country not literate enough to read the Scriptures in its own language; and unless we had the assistance of such an agency as the Bible Society we could never accomplish this end. The work of the Bible Society was absolutely essential. (Applause.) Bishop Roots concluded with a plea for increased Scripture reading. The Holy Scriptures would always remain at the heart of the Church's thought and action.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop E. D. L. DANSON, D.D., Labuan and Sarawak, said he was very glad to have an opportunity of speaking in appreciation of the Society's work. Borned in the matter of languages was a veritable babel. Services had to be conducted in seven different languages. Without the aid of the Bible Society he (Bishop Danson) and his Church workers would not be able to get on. Bishop Danson then gave an interesting account of the Dyaks. A language had to be made for them in the first place, and then the Bible Society came along and printed portions of the Scriptures in this new language. During the past fifty years some of the Dyaks had progressed; had learned that agriculture was more profitable than head-hunting. They had also become acquainted with the blessings of education, and had learned to read their language. When they had reached this point the work of the Bible Society commenced, and it was doing good work among the Dyaks in Borneo. (Applause.)

On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Bishop Roots, the annual report was unanimously adopted. The Rev. Dr. Pearce was re-elected hon. secretary and Dr. J. H. Sanders hon. treasurer, together with a new Committee for the ensuing year.

"HEUNGSHAN" ABANDONED
TO UNDERWRITERS.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s steamer *Heungshan*, which on the morning of February 29th struck Junk Rock, near Canton, and was run ashore in a leak condition, has had to be abandoned to the underwriters. A salvage party from the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., after working on the stranded ship for some time, came to the conclusion that salvage was impossible. The *Heungshan* was built in 1860 by Messrs. Ramage & Ferguson of Leith. Her gross tonnage is 1,914.

CANTON AND BOLSHIEVISM.

A POLICE WARNING AGAINST
"DESCREDITABLE RUMOURS."

The Canton Gazette says: "In order to check the rumours to the effect that the Government here is going to adopt Bolshevism and will experiment with the adoption of same in Canton, General Tchen Wu, the Police Commissioner of Canton, will issue an announcement prohibiting the circulation of such discreditable rumours. He has instructed the detectives of the Police Department to keep a close watch for makers of such rumours and will bring them to justice."

THE TOWERS OF SILENCE—
BOMBAY.

[BY R. W. BARNEY.]

Mr. Barney, a member of the Hongkong University Staff, who recently went home on leave, has contributed the following to the *Silver Wolf*, the magazine of the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association:—

In the cold grey light of early morning we crept slowly into Bombay Harbour, the Western Gate of India. A chilly mist hung over the surface of the water, from out of which ghost-like ships appeared and vanished again as we left them behind, so that it was not until we were nearly alongside that we clearly saw the long bleak quay with its line of warehouses. Standing on the wharf was a group of wearily Parsees in shiny stove-pipe hats, while in another place a crowd of wretched-looking coolies were waiting to work the gangways. Both groups might be said to be typical of Bombay, where a great part of the city is owned by rich Parsees, while the swarming multitude of Hindus work hard for a bare living wage.

The usual formal examination of passports was over before breakfast so at about 9 o'clock I set out sight-seeing, taking my camera with me. Bombay possesses many splendid buildings, mostly built of a buff coloured stone which adds a pleasing touch of coolness to their stately appearance. Having duly admired and photographed the principal buildings and visited the Taj Mahal hotel which it is said was built the wrong way about, facing the town instead of the sea through some slip of the architect, we got the North and South mixed up in our plans and committed suicide in consequence. I motored to the Victoria Gardens. Although the morning had been chilly, by this time it had become hot in the sun and I was glad to rest in the shade. In the gardens there is a fine collection of wild animals—lions, tigers, elephants, bears, etc.

In the afternoon I visited what is perhaps one of the best known and most remarkable sights of Bombay, namely, the Towers of Silence, where the Parsees dispose of their dead by laying the bodies in the towers to be devoured by the vultures. Half an hour's drive along the seashore and up a steep hill brought us to the entrance, where we left the car and climbed a short ascent to a wide gate. Here we were admitted by a porter, who escorted us inside and halted us before a house from which issued the caretaker, a little old man who, with his hooked nose, bald head, bent back and clawlike hands, reminded me strongly of a vampire. He inspected my pass, which I had obtained by toiling up five flights of stairs in the Parsee Punah Office in the city, and being satisfied with it became guide to our party.

These towers stand on the summit of Malabar Hill, the highest point in Bombay, and from here a magnificent view of the whole city can be obtained. The central part of the grounds in which the towers stand have been made into a beautiful garden, gay with flowers and shrubs and shaded by stately palms and larger trees, while the outskirts are wilder with a dense growth of jungle. Leading us up a path, the old man pointed out a building some 200 yards away which he told us was one of the towers, adding that this particular one was specially reserved for unnatural deaths such as suicides, murders, etc. It was a low, whitewashed building partly hidden by the trees. No windows or door showed in its wall, and along the top ran a dark coping which at first I thought was irregularly battlemented but on looking closer I perceived that the battlements were alive—great birds sitting motionless gorged with their gruesome meal. Turning away, our guide showed us a small, circular tower which seemed to be some 15 feet high and about the same diameter across. This, we were told, was another of the towers which was private, being owned by a certain wealthy family. The remaining three towers were for general use and these he pointed out to us, also from a distance, the nearest being some 100 yards from where we stood. No one, we were told, not even himself or the priests, was allowed to approach the towers or enter them, except only the special bearers who convey the bodies there and lay them inside. These bearers belong to a special family and the right is hereditary, descending from father to son. At present there are about 60 bearers in Bombay who are paid from the common fund.

Each of the towers was lined on top with its row of vultures, and others were perched in the trees around, sitting motionless. Occasionally one moved its head or stretched its huge wings. Only once we saw one flying, and as it chanced, it passed close over our heads so that we quite plainly saw its repulsive, naked, featherless neck and hooked bill. Overhead some kites were wheeling. They could easily be distinguished from the immense vultures by their long forked tails as well as by their much smaller size. These kites, though carrion feeders also, dare not approach the towers on account of the vultures, and even the cheeky crows, which will often snatch food from the basket a man is carrying, kept at a respectful distance.

After showing us the towers, our venerable guide took us to a model by means of which he explained their structure. The top of the tower is open to the sky and is surrounded by a parapet. Inside this is a wide, flat rim sloping gently towards a central circular hole. On the rim, which thus forms the top of the tower, are niches arranged in three concentric rings in which the bodies are placed. In the outermost ring are the largest niches for men, in the middle one smaller ones for women, while the innermost ring containing the smallest niches is reserved for children. Between the niches are narrow paths for the feet of the bearers.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE
(SIR WILLIAM REES-DAVIES).]SEVEN YEARS FOR ARMED
ROBBERY.

VICTIMS GAGGED WITH OLD SOCKS.

A Chinese, Lok Chiu, was charged yesterday with robbery at Sham Shui Po on October 9th last.

Mr. Dyer Ball, in outlining the case for the Crown, said it was a simple account of an armed robbery in which two men, and possibly four, were concerned. About 1 p.m. on October 9th, 1923, Young Kai and his wife, living in a cubicle in a house at Sham Shui Po, were disturbed by the entrance of two men, one carrying a revolver and the other a dagger. Man and wife were bound and gagged with old socks, and the robbers ransacked the place. They only took a gold wrist watch and \$10 in cash.

At a police identification parade held some time later, the female victim recognised the prisoner, Lok Chiu, as one of the robbers. Whilst this affair was in progress two other men entered another cubicle on the same floor of the house and took from a woman named Hui Sai Mui an amount of jewellery and clothing. The prisoner before the Court was the only robber yet in police custody.

A fishmonger, continued Mr. Dyer Ball, would give evidence as to seeing four men, in pairs, leave the house with bundles. He followed one pair, of which prisoner was one, to two pawnshops, where prisoner pawned a wrist watch and some clothing. This witness knew prisoner and his companion by sight, and when he spoke to the prisoner some time later prisoner admitted he was concerned in the robbery and warned the witness that if he said anything about it he would be shot. Subsequently this witness gave information to the police, and prisoner was arrested and, soon after, identified (as stated above) by the woman who lost the wrist watch.

After the three persons who were robbed and the fishmonger had given confirmatory evidence, the Jury returned a verdict of "guilty."

Prisoner was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

IMPERIAL WIRELESS
SERVICES.

AN URGENT INQUIRY.

The Postmaster-General has appointed the following Committee to consider and advise him without delay on the policy to be adopted as regards the Imperial Wireless Services so as to protect and facilitate public interest:—
Mr. Robert Donald, L.L.D. (Chairman).
Mr. F. J. Brown, C.B., C.B.E., Post Office.
Professor W. H. Eccles, D.Sc., F.R.S.
Sir Drummond D. Fraser, K.B.E.
Sir Henry H. Slesser, K.C., Solicitor-General, with
Mr. W. E. Weston, Post Office, to be secretary to the Committee.

Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes:—

It is understood that the Committee will endeavour to expedite its report as much as possible in view of the fact that a deadlock has now arisen in regard to the Imperial wireless problem, and that until this has been removed little in the way of development can be accomplished. The Postmaster-General has succeeded in getting together a strong Committee. Mr. Robert Donald, the chairman, who has been for nine years chairman of the Empire Press Union, has already done much valuable work in the encouragement of wireless. Mr. F. J. Brown is the assistant secretary of the General Post Office in charge of cables and wireless. Professor Eccles is technical adviser on wireless in the Post Office, and is recognized as one of the leading experts in the country on the subject. Sir Drummond Fraser is a retired Manchester banker who is endeavouring to promote trade between Manchester and Australia, while the inclusion of the Solicitor-General will facilitate the decision of legal questions.

The body is laid in its position, and as soon as the bearers have withdrawn, the vultures descend and commence their work. In a couple of hours they have finished their feast and nothing remains except the bones, which are left to whiten in the sun. About every two months the bearers enter the towers and throw all the bones down the hole in the centre which is some 60 feet deep. There they lie until the action of the sun and rain have decomposed them. At the bottom four drains lead out from the centre of the tower, one from each corner. The water from these passes through two filters, one of sand and one of charcoal, so that it issues perfectly purified.

Funerals, the man told us, take place at fixed hours every morning and evening, and no visitors are admitted inside the gates at those times. The last rites are performed at the house of the deceased, and none of the relations or even the priests are allowed to follow the body to the Towers.

Strange though this method of disposing of the dead may seem, it has certain advantages, especially in a hot climate. The ground is not defiled by dead bodies or enmeshed by tombs, while the process of decay to which the body is subjected is obviated. In fact, the corrupt flesh in that disposal of very rapidly, and without any offensive smell or danger of infection to others.



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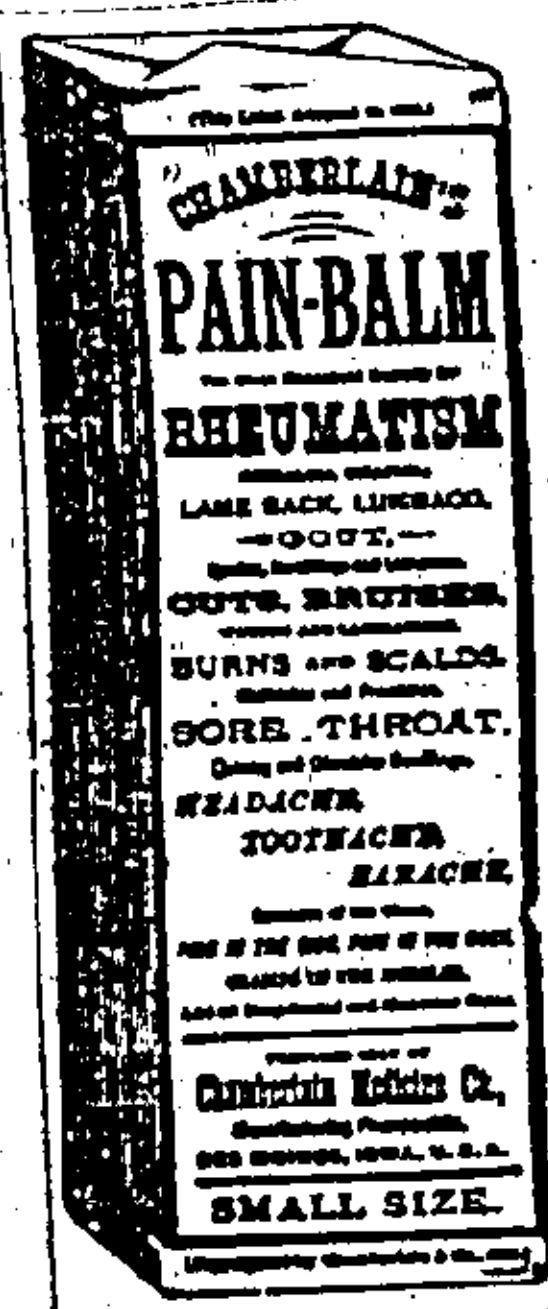
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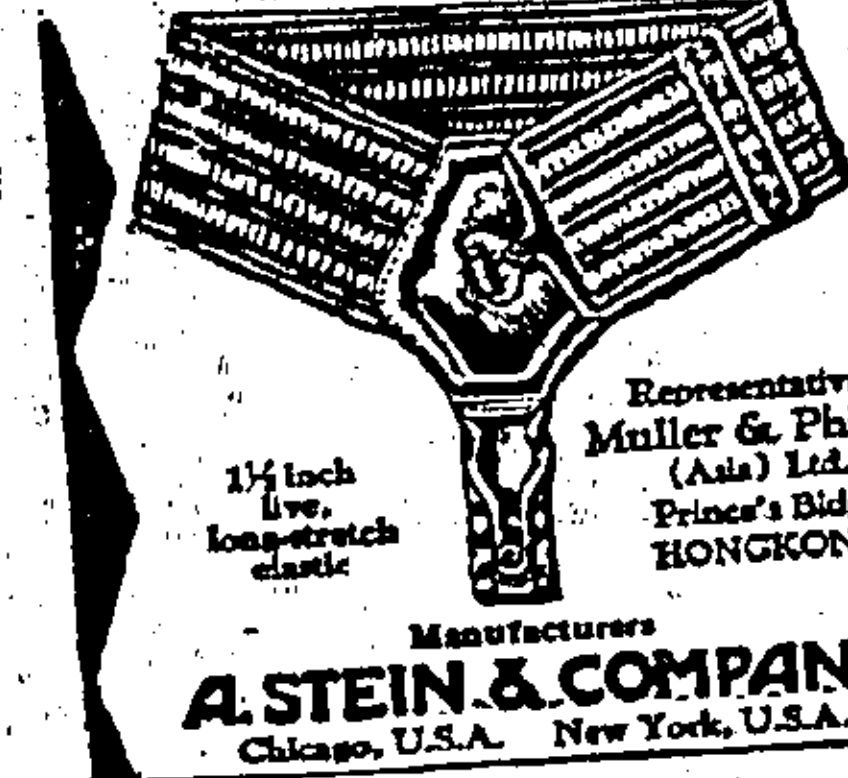
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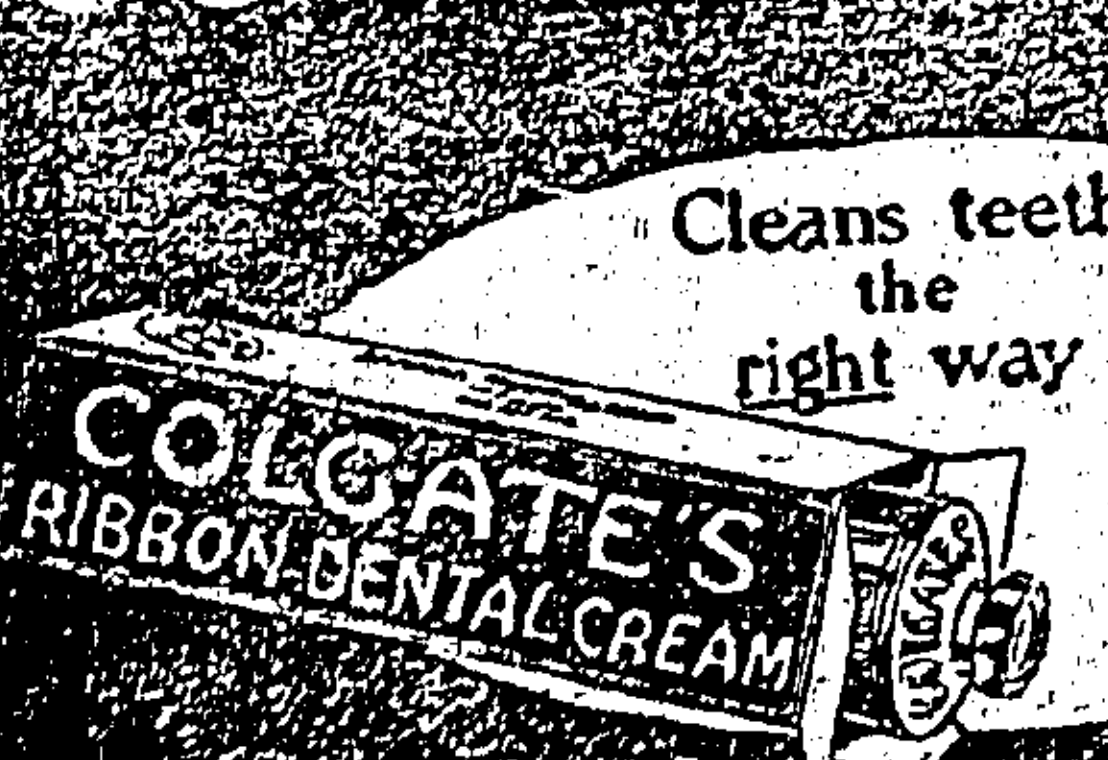
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

LABOUR MINISTER'S TRIBUTE TO THE KING AND PRINCE OF WALES

HOW THE NEW LABOUR GOVERNMENT IS GETTING TO WORK.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, JANUARY 31st.

MAKING A START.

Whatever may be the feelings of the new Labour Government towards the world in general and other parties in the House of Commons in particular, they cannot complain of the reception accorded them since they took office. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been complimented on all sides on the clever way he has selected his colleagues, even by the Ministry. It is acknowledged, even by the critics of Labour, that the Ministry is above, rather than below, the average in ability as Governments go. The men in charge of affairs are all thoroughly respectable. There is nothing "Red" about them. The Conservative papers make it an invariable rule to refer to the Government as Socialists; but if the description is to stand all I can say is that the occupants of the Front Bench, including the Premier, are extremely tame Socialists. Nobody need be awake at night for fear that they will do any thing revolutionary. Many Liberal and Conservative Governments before now have had far more dangerous men in office.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Of course, it is still early days; and one never knows how the Labour Government will shape as a whole, or how Ministers will deal with difficult questions as they arise. Everything seems to confirm the view that the very last thing Mr. MacDonald and his colleagues will attempt is an experiment in State Socialism. This was the bogey raised on high to alarm voters at the General Election. But the Labour leaders are wise in their generation. It was all very well to talk freely and promise lavishly during an election—what party is innocent on that score?—and quite another thing to act when in power strictly on the programme put forward. The responsibilities of Ministers are great, and have a sobering effect. Besides, in the present case there are two other parties in the House of Commons to right and left of Labour, Conservatives and Liberals, whose support or other-wise determines the length of Mr. MacDonald's tenure of Downing Street. If we have Socialists in the seats of the mighty, as we hear every morning from certain leader-writers, it is only in the sense in which Sir William Harcourt once said in a phrase that has become a classic, "We are all Socialists now."

A KIND OF COALITION.

If one looks at the composition of the Labour Government it will be at once apparent that it is composed of several elements, and is not a single party at all. There are the Fabians, the Communists, the Trade Unionists, the Bureaucrats, and others. Out of offices, eight are holding the chief "intellectuals," as it is the fashion to call them because they gave the party a programme in the past and supply ideas now, seven are Trade Unionists, seven are bureaucrats, and six are Liberals who could not settle down with their own political persuasion. Only two—Mr. Wheatley, the Minister of Health, and Mr. Shinwell, an Under-Secretary for Mines—are what might be termed extremists.

MR. J. H. THOMAS AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

If anyone has a doubt as to the attitude of the Labour Ministers towards existing social customs he (or she) would do well to read the report of Mr. J. H. Thomas's speech at the Australia Day luncheon in London on January 19th. He paid an eloquent tribute to the King and the Prince of Wales, mentioning that they were the least disturbed of any people in the country at the prospect of the accession of the Labour party to power. This, explained the new Colonial Secretary and ex-General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, was because both the King and his son were the most wise. "They knew their people better than others, because they long recognised that patriotism, love of Empire, service and duty were not the gift of a monopoly of a class or creed, because they recognised that there were men born in humble circumstances, denied the ordinary opportunities, of a rare education, denied those privileges that come from real learning; and whose sense of duty, whose love of country, and other type of men." That was why, Mr. Thomas added, the change of seat of office merely meant that the Old Country and the Old Empire still went on. I have thought it well to put the above statement on record, because I firmly believe that in saying what he did Mr. Thomas was expressing the opinion of his colleagues in the Labour Government.

A GOOD STORY.

The best story told as yet about the change of Government relates to Mr. Thomas when he went to the Colonial Office to take up his duties as Colonial Secretary. He was met at the entrance by one of the door porters who did not know him and asked his business. "I'm not quite sure," replied Mr. Thomas. "I want the Colonial Office." "Yes, but whom do you want to see?" queried the man. "I want to see the office," Mr. Thomas answered, and then, thinking he had better go straight to the point, he said: "I am the Colonial Secretary." The porter looked at him, and then, turning to another porter standing near, he remarked, "Oh! another shell-shock patient." That was how the new Minister arrived.

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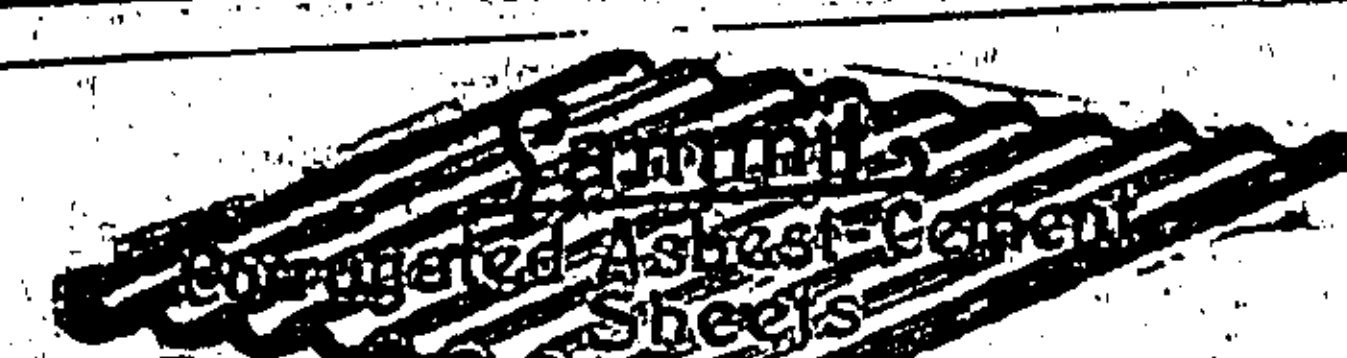
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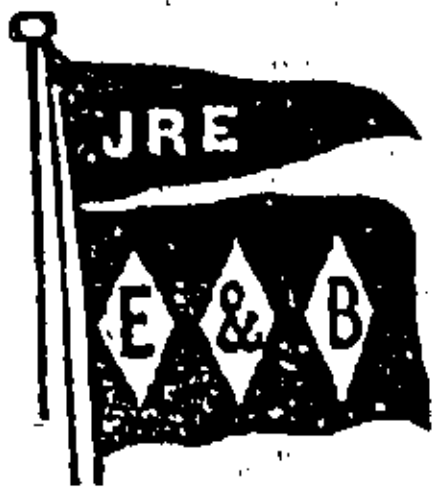
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"KALYAN"	9,118	20th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,436	24th Nov.	do
"KASHMIR"	8,953	28th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,813	1st Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,014	5th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"LAHORE"	5,253	9th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PALLAS"	5,507	13th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SUDAN"	5,455	17th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,952	21st Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	6,696	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	29th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,436	1st Jan.	do
"KASHMIR"	8,953	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,813	9th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,014	13th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"LAHORE"	5,253	17th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PALLAS"	5,507	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SUDAN"	5,455	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,952	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	6,696	2nd Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,436	10th Feb.	do
"KASHMIR"	8,953	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,813	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,014	22nd Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"LAHORE"	5,253	26th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PALLAS"	5,507	1st Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SUDAN"	5,455	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,952	9th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	6,696	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,436	21st Mar.	do
"KASHMIR"	8,953	25th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,813	29th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,014	2nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"LAHORE"	5,253	6th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PALLAS"	5,507	10th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SUDAN"	5,455	14th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,952	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	6,696	22nd Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	26th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"PLASSY"	7,436	30th Apr.	

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